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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arenberg, et al.

Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING THERAPEUTIC AGENTS  
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Serial No.: 09/205,251  
Examiner: THANH, L. H.

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 3-month extension of time within which to  
respond to the Final Office Action dated 02/27/2006, such extension allowing the  
undersigned until 08/27/2006 to respond.

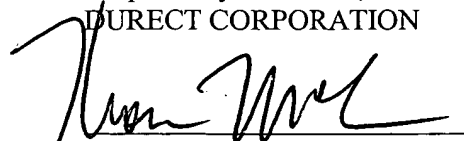
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